

# Collectors Club

Spring 2005

## Dear Collector,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2005. We must apologise for being a little later than usual, but we needed to finalise new designs, photography, forthcoming exhibition and event dates and of course all of our news, so that we can provide you with as much information as possible.

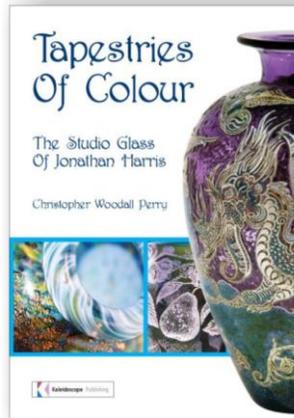
Firstly, we must extend a very warm welcome to all of our new worldwide members' and thank you to all of you who have purchased our book 'Tapestries of Colour' and for your kind comments regarding its contents. If you have not yet requested a signed copy, you can still do so.

## Collectors' Open Day Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Weston Park 11-3pm



The most important event in the year is our complimentary Open Day, which, as many of you know is our way of saying 'thank you' for all your continued support. The day includes informative lectures and DVD presentation, a delicious buffet lunch and the largest selection of cameo and gräal 'trials' ever collated at one time that you might be tempted by! Jonathan also produces a collection of new designs that we know you always like to see, especially for this event. We will once again be holding the event at Weston Park Stately Home, near Shifnal, Staffordshire, as it was so successful last year. The extra space and beautiful grounds and parkland were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we are sure it will be just as enjoyable this year.

**Please remember that we are limited on numbers and it is necessary for you to book. Each collector is welcome to bring their partner. Please contact us as soon as possible to reserve your place. 01952 246381.**



## Exhibition- Susan Megson Gallery- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April-Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Susan Megson Gallery is located in the very picturesque Cotswolds and they are hosting an exhibition of our work, which will feature cameo and gräal 'trials' in addition to our studio ranges, including the new 'Eden' collection and 'one off' pieces. Jonathan will also be there to meet you during the private view on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and also Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Susan has extended an invitation to you all to attend the private view or at any other time during the exhibition. Your invitation and further details are enclosed but if you

plan to attend the private view on the Saturday please RSVP to the gallery. We hope to see you there.

## Specialist Glass Fair- Heritage Motorcycle Museum Gaydon- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Once again we will be attending this fair with a selection of cameo and gräal 'trials' (as you can see there is no let up for Jonathan's handy work at the moment!) so we very much hope to see you there.

## New Studio Design 'Eden'

Although we are constantly trying to achieve perfection in design, form and craftsmanship in all of the techniques that we produce, rarely do we manage to produce something that appeals to all. However, judging by the response to our new design 'Eden' it seems we might have done just that. Based on the images that the 'Garden of Eden' may conjure up, many long hours with our new glassmaker Katie were spent creating this richly decorated



design, incorporating millifleur and 24ct gold leaf. The colourful organic leaves and buds are skilfully entwined around the



forms and depict the peaceful and tranquil garden. Eden is available in a small selection of shapes in three shades, Topaz, Amethyst and Emerald.

As a special collectors' offer we have produced a different exclusive limited edition vase in each of the three colours and at a special price available only through the collectors' club. The vases are limited to just 75 of each one. Full details are enclosed and please contact us in the usual way if you would like to order one. Delivery will be approximately 12 weeks (not months!)

### Farewell Everglades

It is always difficult to decide which design to retire to make way for the new and the decision seems to get harder each year. However, the choice has to be made and this time we say a fond farewell to 'Everglades', which will be sadly missed.

### New Catalogue

We are currently designing and producing a new comprehensive catalogue for our collectors' that will be mailed to you as soon as it is complete. If you require any pictures prior to the completion of our catalogue please contact us. Most items can also be viewed on our website.

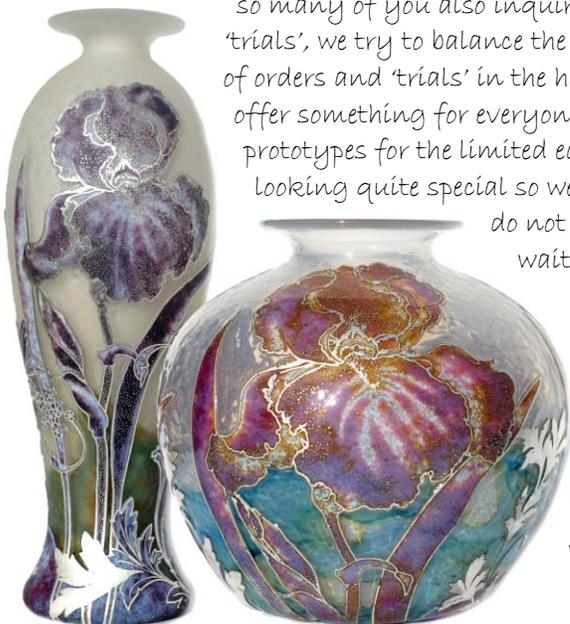
### Cameo and gräal limited Editions 2005

We are in the process of finalising our limited editions for this year and these will appear in the forthcoming catalogue. Our priority at the moment is to fulfil orders to prevent our delivery schedule slipping over the 18 month barrier and as

so many of you also inquire about 'trials', we try to balance the making of orders and 'trials' in the hope that we offer something for everyone. The prototypes for the limited editions are looking quite special so we hope you

do not mind waiting a little longer.

We hope you will also be pleased to hear that we will be



producing more gräal this year. Many of you regularly ask for more examples of this lovely fluid technique. Our problem is, as always time and that Jonathan makes every piece, but we hope you will be pleased to hear that he is working on some stunning, colourful examples at the moment and you will see a few of these first pieces on the enclosed 'trials' sheet. We have been working on 'tree scape' designs amongst others and introduced 'Bonsai', which we hope you like.

### Ironbridge Shop-Closed

We closed our small shop in Ironbridge Square at the end of last year. Although many of you visited us there over the last few years we have found it increasingly hard to staff on a daily basis. Our shop and studio at Coalport is of course still our main showroom and we encourage you to continue going there. We are usually open 7 days a week until October but please call us if you are making a special journey to double check out of season opening times.



### Columbine collectors' piece.

Anyone wishing to order the Columbine vase or paperweight who has not yet done so, please order them before the end of June. We expect to commence making these pieces in July/August.

### 'Trials' now available

We hope you will like the enclosed list of 'trials' currently available. If you are interested in any of the pieces please contact us ASAP as they are usually snapped up very quickly. 01952 246381.

Now we will leave you to check your diary and see if you are free to come and see us on any of the above dates and a gentle reminder to contact us if you would like to book your place for the 'Open Day'. We hope you can make it.

Best wishes and happy collecting!

Alison & Jonathan.